Modernisation of Dabolim airport

721. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dabolim airport in Goa is proposed to be modernised;

(b) if so, the total amount of expenditure likely to be incurred on each of the items proposed to be undertaken for modernisation;

(c) whether the Indian Navy has assured additional land to the Airports Authority of India for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details of the land, including its area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposed approximate cost for construction of new International Terminal Building complex with associated works is Rs. 140 crores and for expansion of apron is Rs. 10 crores.

(c) and (d) Indian Navy, Ministry of Defence has agreed in principle to allow usage of 8.7 acres of land on airside for expansion of apron.

Funds from privatisation of airports

722. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to divert the funds generated from the privatisation of Kolkata and Chennai airports, for the purpose of modernisation of other airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the airports being considered by Government for modernisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government has proposals to modernize Kolkata and Chennai